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1. WE PREFER BRITISH COMPROMISE -- WHICH WE BELIEVE MIGHT BE DEFFICULT IMPLEMENT -- OVER KOREN PROPOSAL SINCE IT PROVIDES FOR SOME IMMEDIATE AND DIRECT USE OF FELLOW-SHIP FUNDS FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES WE CONSIDER VALUABLE AND PRACTICAL MEANS OF FURTHERING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT FOR NATO.

2. WE COULD ACCEPT, THEREFORE, BRITISH COMPROMISE FOR CURRENT YEAR WITH EFFORTS TO CONTINUE ON WORKING TOWARD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS'S COMPLETE ABOLITION IN FUTURE.

3. IF BRITISH COMPROMISE NOT WORKABLE OR ACCEPTABLE, WE WOULD PREFER REVERT TO POSITION IN REFTTEL (B) IN OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEW, IT OFFIERS MORE PROMISING OPPORTUNITY TO PURSUE OUR

CONTINUING AIM OF ABOLITION OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN
FUTURE THAN DOES CONCEPT PROPOSED BY KOREN. HIS PROPOSAL
COULD LEAD TO INDEFINITE CONTINUATION OF FELLOWSHIP PRO-
GRAM AND POSSIBLY IN LESS CONSTRUCTIVE FORM THAN PROGRAM
AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED.

4. IN ANY EVENT, WHILE WE WANT TO LEAVE WAY OPEN FOR
PROGRAM'S ABOLITION, WE DO NOT WANT TO MAKE TIS NEAR TERM
CONTUNUATION CONTENTIOUS ISSUE WITH U.S. AS SOLE HOLDOUT.
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